AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) A method of operating a server communicating with a client, comprising:

receiving a first page request from a first window instance of a client;

attaching first page identification data to a first page corresponding to the first page request, by the server;

transmitting the first page including the first page identification data to the client, by the server;

receiving a second page request from the client, the second page request including a transmission of the first page identification data back to the server only if the second page request originates from the first window instance, the first page identification data including at least one specific transmission identifier;

storing the transmitted first page identification data by the server;

attaching second page identification data to a second page corresponding to the second page request, by the server, wherein the second page identification data includes at least one further specific transmission identifier;

transmitting the second page including the second page identification data to the client, by the server;

storing the transmitted second page identification data by the server, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are identical to any previously stored page identification data; and

storing the transmitted second page identification data and the back-transmitted first page identification data, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are not identical to any previously stored page identification data.

15. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

assigning selection data to the first and second page identification data; and

transmitting the second page to the client based upon the selection data assigned to the back-transmitted first page identification data, if the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data is identical to a transmission identifier included in any previously stored page identification data.

16. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein, if the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data is not identical to a previously stored transmission identifier included in any previously stored page identification data,

the second page is transmitted based upon the selection data assigned to one of the specific transmission identifiers included in any of the previously stored page identification data, and

the server assigns the selection data assigned to the one specific transmission identifier to the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data.

17. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein

the first and second page identification data include a window identifier related to the first respectively a further window instance,

the server maintains the window identifier, if the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data is identical to a transmission identifier included in any previously stored page identification data, and

the server assigns an updated window identifier to the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data, if the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data is not identical to a transmission identifier included in any previously stored page identification data.

18. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein, if the specific transmission identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data is not identical to any transmission identifier included in any previously stored page identification data, the second page is transmitted based upon the selection data assigned to such page identification data having a transmission identifier including such window identifier being identical to the window identifier included in the back-transmitted first page identification data.

19. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the server attaches the first and second page identification data to the first respectively second page as hidden input fields which are not displayed when displaying the respective page.

20. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein

the first or second page includes at least one address pointing to a further page, and

the server attaches the first respectively second page identification data as parameters assigned to the respective transmitted page.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the server attaches the first or second page identification data to the first respectively second page by attaching a software program to the respective page, the software program configured to attach on the client side to the second page request an attachment file having the second page identification data if the second page request originates from the first window instance.

24. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein

the server attaches to the first or second page a variable having a current value and a program for execution by the client upon displaying the respective page in a window,

the client upon executing the program modifies the current value of the variable if the current value corresponds to an initial value of the variable, and

the client upon executing the program repeats the first respectively second page request such that the first respectively second page identification data are back-transmitted to the server, if the current value does not correspond to the initial value of the variable.

25. (previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a software program for operating a server communicating with a client, wherein when the software program is executed the operation of the server comprises the steps:

receive a first page request from a first window instance of a client;

attach first page identification data to a first page corresponding to the first page request;

transmit the first page including the first page identification data to the client;

receive a second page request from the client, the second page request including a transmission of the first page identification data back to the server only if the second page request originates from the first window instance, the first page identification data including at least one specific transmission identifier;

store the transmitted first page identification data;

attach second page identification data to a second page corresponding to the second page request, wherein the second page identification data includes at least one further specific transmission identifier;

transmit the second page including the second page identification data to the client;

store the transmitted second page identification data, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are identical to any previously stored page identification data; and

store the transmitted second page identification data and the back-transmitted first page identification data, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are not identical to any previously stored page identification data.

26. (previously presented) A server for establishing a communication with a client, the server comprising a bulk storage memory having a software program for operating the server, wherein when the software program is executed the operation of the server comprises the steps:

receive a first page request from a first window instance of a client;

attach first page identification data to a first page corresponding to the first page request;

transmit the first page including the first page identification data to the client;

receive a second page request from the client, the second page request including a transmission of the first page identification data back to the server only if the second page request originates from the first window instance, the first page identification data including at least one specific transmission identifier;

store the transmitted first page identification data;

attach second page identification data to a second page corresponding to the second page request, wherein the second page identification data includes at least one further specific transmission identifier;

transmit the second page including the second page identification data to the client;

store the transmitted second page identification data, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are identical to any previously stored page identification data; and

store the transmitted second page identification data and the back-transmitted first page identification data, if the back-transmitted first page identification data are not identical to any previously stored page identification data.

27. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

the server, upon receiving the second request, first transmits a third request to the client, which <u>third</u> request is to be sent back ~~again~~ by the client to the server, ~~and that~~<u>wherein</u> the server attaches the identification data to the <u>transmitted</u> third request as assigned parameters.

28. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

the server, upon receiving the second request, first transmits a third request to the client, which <u>third</u> request is to be sent back ~~again~~ by the client to the server, ~~that~~<u>wherein</u> the server attaches the identification data to the <u>transmitted</u> third request as an attachment file ~~which is transferred back by the client together with the third request~~, ~~and that~~<u>wherein</u> the server transmits a delete command for this attachment file to the client together with ~~the~~<u>a</u> page transferred to the client in response to the third request<u> being sent back by the client to the server</u>.